

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 43 (cancelled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod and a multi-component filter including a cavity at least 85% filled with a bed of adsorbent particles granules therein constructed and arranged to substantially remove at least one smoke constituent from mainstream tobacco smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, ~~and wherein the cavity is at least 85% filled with the adsorbent particles,~~ at least one flavor-releasing component located downstream of the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules constructed and arranged to release flavor to mainstream smoke as mainstream smoke is drawn through the filter, the flavor-releasing component having an upstream end portion adjacent the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules, and ventilation downstream of the adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules at the upstream end portion of the flavor-releasing component.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules includes a flavorant-bearing, activated carbon.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a flavorant-bearing yarn and surrounding cellulose acetate.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a cellulose acetate plug with flavorant thereon.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the flavor-releasing component includes a cellulose acetate plug surrounded by plug wrap with flavorant on the plug wrap.

Claim 49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (previously presented): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the multi-component filter includes a component in the form of a plug defining a flow path with a transition from generally circular to generally annular to thereby produce an increased pressure drop and increased dwell time of mainstream tobacco smoke in the filter.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 44 wherein the multi-component filter includes a component in the form of a plug providing a flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules.

Claim 52 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules defines an annular flow path.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules defines a central flow path.

Claim 54 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 51, wherein the plug providing the flow constriction downstream of the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules comprises a concentric filter.

Claim 55 (currently amended): The cigarette as in claim 44, wherein the bed of adsorbent ~~particles~~ granules comprises carbon ~~particles~~ granules with flavorant on the carbon.

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Claim 56 (canceled)